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Whitehal, Decemb. 2.

HIs Majesty has been pleased to Publish His Royal Proclamation for a General Fast,

CHARLES R.

WHereas the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, have by their Address to Us, made known unto Us, that they are deeply sensible of the sad and calamitous Condition of this Our Kingdom, occasioned by the Impious and Horrid Conspiracies of a Popish Party, who have not only plotted and intended the Destruction of Our Royal Person, but the total Subversion of the Government and true Religion established amongst us; and that the same detestable Machinations are still obstinately prosecuted by them, as well by fomenting Divisions amongst Our Loyal Protestant Subjects, as all other the most wicked Contrivances, notwithstanding the many Discoveries thereof, by Gods great Mercy and wonderful Providence lately brought to light. All which dreadful Judgments are now impending over us most deservedly for our many and grievous Sins and cannot otherwise in humane reason be prevented, but by the particular Blessing of God upon the Consultations and Endeavours of Our great Council now Assembled in Parliament; have most humbly besought Us that a day may be most solemnly set apart, wherein Our Self and all Our Loyal Subjects may by Fasting and Prayer, endeavour a reconciliation with Almighty God, and with humble and penitent hearts implore him by his Power and Goodness, to divert those Judgments, and defeat the wicked Counsels and Devices of Our Enemies, to unite the hearts of our Loyal Protestant Subjects, and to continue his Mercy and the Light of the Gospel to Us and Our Posterities, and more especially to bestow his abundant Blessings on Our Self and this present Parliament, that Our Consultations and Endeavours may produce Honour, Safety and Prosperity to Our Self and Our People. We have to this their humble Request most readily inclined, and do by this Our Royal Proclamation Command a General and Publick Fast to be kept throughout this whole Kingdom, in such manner as is hereafter directed and prescribed, that so both We and Our People may send up Our Prayers and Supplications to Almighty God, to and for the purposes aforesaid. And to the end that so Religious an Exercise may be performed at one and the same time, We do hereby Publish and Declare to all Our Loving Subjects, and do straitly Charge and Command, That on Wednesday being the Two and twentieth day of December Instant, this Fast shall be Religiously kept and celebrated throughout our Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales and Town of Berwick upon Tweed. And that the same may be performed with all Decency and Uniformity, We, by the Advice of Our Reverend Bishops, have Directed to be Composed, Printed and Published, such a Form of Divine Service as We thought fit to be used in all Churches and Places at the time aforesaid, and have given charge to Our Bishops to disperse the same accordingly. All which we do hereby expresly Charge and Command shall be Reverently and Decently observed by all Our Loving Subjects, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid his Wrath and Indignation against this Land, and upon pain of undergoing such Punishments as We may justly inflict upon all such as shall contemn or neglect so Religious a Duty.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall*, the Second day of *December*, 1680. In the Two and thirtieth year of Our Reign.

Die Veneris 3 Decembris, 1680.

ORdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, That all Persons, as well Peers as others, that are Papists, and now in or about the Cities of London or Westminster, be, and are hereby Required forthwith to Depart from the same, at their peril of undergoing the utmost Punishment as can be by Law inflicted upon them for their Disobedience herein.

And further, That this Order be forthwith Printed and Published, to the end all Persons concerned may take notice thereof.

Jo. Brown *Cleric. Parliamentor.*

Warsaw, Nov. 15. The King and Queen of *Poland* are expected here from *Fawarrow* (where they at present are) about the middle of the next month. The Dyet is summoned to meet on the 15th of *January* next; when endeavours will be used to secure the Succession to the Kings eldest Son.

Dantzick, Nov. 23. The whole discourse here, is concerning the endeavours that are using in *Poland*, in order to the securing the succession to the Kings eldest Son, which is designed to be done at the next Dyet; and herein the French Ambassador labours as zealously as any. The Ambassador that was sent by the King of *Poland* to *Moscow* is returning home, and will be followed by a very solemn Embassie from the Czar to the Republick.

Venice, Nov. 23. On Saturday last arrived here an Express, who is going to *Poland*, to carry that King the news of the death of Prince *Radzeville* his Ambassador, who dyed the 14th Instant suddainly at *Bologne*, being on his return home. Signior *Donato* is preparing for his Embassie to *Constantinople*.

Strasburg, Nov. 30. The French fill their Magazines, and make other preparations with so great application, that it gives us here some disturbance, apprehending that their design is against this City,

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